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Paul Again Votes to Support Normal Trade With China *Restates Call for Permanent Tariff Relief and True Free Trade*

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Ron Paul once again has voted to continue normal trade relations with the People's Republic of China. On Tuesday the House rejected HJR 103, a resolution which would have denied the extension of normal trade status to China for an additional year. "For the fourth time in four years, I have voted to continue normal trade relations with China," Paul stated. "Free trade is in the best interests of all Americans. We certainly need to open up new markets so that our agricultural producers can sell their products abroad, especially with commodity prices depressed." "I always have supported true free trade, which means limiting government interference in the marketplace- not creating multinational commissions to 'manage' trade," Paul continued. "I support lower tariffs and normal trade status with China as a step in the right direction toward truly free markets." "The real shame is that we have had to go through the arduous process of annually renewing this status," Paul concluded. "American families should be able to buy goods from China or elsewhere without paying for high tariffs, which really are sales taxes imposed on consumers. Hopefully a clean bill that I can support will come back from the Senate regarding permanent normal trade relations. We need a clean, up-or-down vote on this instead of the kind of bill that originally came through the House."